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### Literary Analysis Reflection

As the first writing assignment of the year, one can expect this paper to be a bit rough around the edges. My main goal with it was to check that all of the improvements made to my writing last year remained.

My biggest lower order concern last year was referring to the author or reader, and while I did manage to reduce my references to the author this time around, I did have a problem with reader references that I plan to fix in my next paper. My other major lower order concern problem was the active and passive voice. I plan on working on this in the future as well, but I think the underlying issue is that I have a difficult time recognizing the difference in some cases. In order to fix my use of the active and passive voices, I need to figure out how to tell the difference in more ambiguous situations first.

As far as organization goes, I think I organized my paper fairly well. There were some lapses in the beginning when I introduced the main character, but I feel that I brought the rest together nicely by using a paragraph to prove each individual point. This worked very well, but the beginning of the paper was still a bit messy. In future papers my organization will need to have a clearer organization from the start.

I didn't use as many quotations as I usually do in this assignment, which was mainly due to the single source story I used to write it. However, I think that the quotes I used were well-implemented and valid to their points. I inserted the quotations directly into the paragraphs because none of them were long enough to necessitate the block-quotation style. Many of them were short lines of dialog that was relevant, especially when discussing the philosophical conversations that the main character had with several other characters. These

quotes helped to prove my points in a logical manner, and by directly using the source material, I ensured that there was no misinterpretation. There were some grammar issues, but I cleared those up on my subsequent revision.

For my next assignment, I plan to work mostly on lower order concerns. Grammar and structure errors tended to bring parts of this paper down, and I want to fix these basic problems before moving ahead to anything larger. It seems to me that my content was good, and hopefully it will continue to improve. This paper served as a good reintroduction into writing for me, and while I did manage to fix some of the problems my writing had last year, it is clear that there are still plenty of things to work on for next time.